

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**To:** Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk  
Los Angeles County  
12400 Imperial Highway  
Norwalk, CA 90650

**From:** Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency  
27234 Bouquet Canyon Road  
Santa Clarita, CA 91350

**To:** County Clerk and Recorder  
Ventura County  
800 S. Victoria Ave, Location #1260  
Ventura, CA 93009

**Project Title:** Chlorine Scrubber System for the Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant

**Location -- Specific:** The project is located at Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency's Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant, located at 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road in Santa Clarita, CA.

**Location -- Counties:** Los Angeles County

**Description of Activity:**

This activity is installation of a replacement chlorine scrubber system. The Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant uses chlorine gas to disinfect water prior to delivering the drinking water to customers. The use of chlorine gas requires an emergency chlorine scrubber be used if a leak of chlorine gas were to occur. The required chlorine scrubber neutralizes chlorine gas leaks before chlorine gas could be released to the environment. The current chlorine scrubber is a "wet-type" chlorine scrubber system which utilizes caustic soda media to neutralize chlorine. This activity will replace the wet-type system with a "dry-type" system that uses pelletized media which, unlike the caustic media, is classified as non-hazardous.

**Name of Public Agencies Approving or Carrying Out Activity:** Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Lead Agency).

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption.** State type and section number: See CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.
- Statutory Exemption.** State code number: See CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)3.

**Reasons why activity is exempt:**

This proposed action qualifies for an exemption under Class 1 Existing Facilities because it is a minor alteration of an existing public facility and its mechanical equipment involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination

None of the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines would apply to the proposed action.

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Signature: Matthew DS

Title: GENERAL MANAGER Date: 10/2/19

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing by County Clerk:

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